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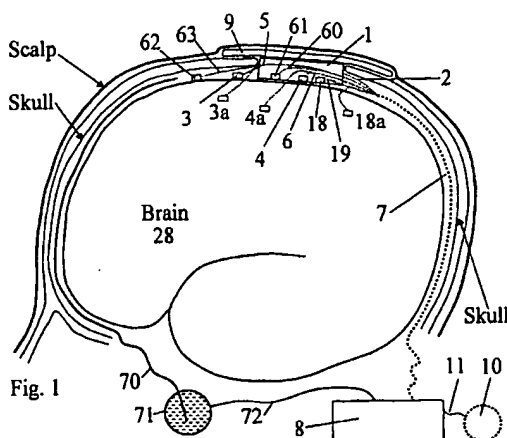
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(57) Abstract: A device and method of use for treating a medical disorder by surgically implanting into a patient at least one sensor element (4) capable of detecting and conveying cell signals; attaching a management unit (8) such that a micro controller (22) of the management unit (8) is connected to at least one sensor element (4); and connecting the management unit (8) via a lead bundle (7) to at least one treatment device (71). The treatment device may be an electrical stimulation device (27), a magnetic stimulation device, a heat transfer device (9), or a medication delivery device (71). Responsive to signals from the one or more sensor elements, mathematical algorithms of the management unit use wavelet crosscorrelation analysis to prompt delivery of at least one treatment modality, such as heat transfer, current pulses, magnetic stimulation or medication. The medical disorder may arise from the brain, central nervous system or organs and tissues outside of the central nervous system.



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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING:

- I. Claims 1-18 and 32-34, drawn to a general apparatus and method to treat a medical disorder, classified in class 607, subclass 3, and
- II. Claims 19-31, drawn to a method to treat a brain disorder, classified in class 607, subclass 116.

The inventions are distinct from each other because: Inventions I. and II. are related as a combination and subcombination. The inventions are separately usable. Because the inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.